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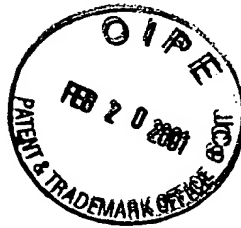
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In re Patent Application of
Ozawa

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For: Program Distribution System,
Method of Program Distribution,
Transmitter and Receiver



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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IN THE ABSTRACT:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

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- (Amended) A program distribution system comprising:
a distributing distributable program storing unit operable to store a plurality of means
for storing plural distributing distributable programs;

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